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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE October 5, 1971

FULL NAME Robert
Dr. R. Ted Means
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS Drawer P

CITY Lorenzo STATE Texas ZIP CODE 79343

AGE 41 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION Methodist NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Osteopathic Physician

EDUCATION Unknown

WEIGHT 185-190 COLOR White HEIGHT 5'8" (approx.)

COLOR OF HAIR black COLOR OF EYES dark

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Outstanding interest - out-of-doors
hypnotism

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN Daughter, Cherri - age 11 (approx.)
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME Lois

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:


UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Troop 399	Lorenzo	Texas	S. M.	2/70	12/70

(realted to troop earlier as committeeman

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Lions club; licensed to preach in the Methodist Church

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Misconduct and alleged acts of homosexuality with one or more
Scouts in Troop 399, as related in attached letters from parents.

Signed 

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council South Plains Council #694

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October 14, 1971

Mr. Harrison W. Oehler
Scout Executive
South Plains Area Council, No. 694

Personal and Confidential
Re: Dr. R. Ted Means

Dear Bill:

It was a pleasure to receive the very thorough report you sent us concerning Dr. R. Ted Means. This is exactly the type of material we need for our Confidential File. All the information has been placed in the file and will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

Thanks again for your fine follow-through.

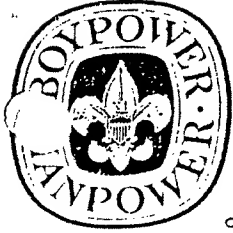
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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October 6, 1971

Mr. Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is some data in response to your request
of August 26, 1971 concerning Dr. R. Ted Means,
Lorenzo, Texas.

If you need further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

H. W. Oehler
H. W. Oehler
Scout Executive

Encl.



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To Whom it may Concern:

My name is [REDACTED] American citizen, resident of Lorenzo, Texas and former Troop Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 399, Lorenzo, Texas. This statement regards the moral character of one Dr. R. Ted Means, former scoutmaster and former resident of Lorenzo, Texas. The following specific instances involving my son, [REDACTED] and Dr. Means, forces me to be convinced that Dr. Means is unfit for service in Scouting.

1. Several times, on numerous campouts, Dr. Means practiced hypnotism on the boys. This was done, supposedly, as entertainment.
2. The older boyscouts, [REDACTED] included) got together and requested that foul language on campouts be forbidden. I was told this was done because Dr. Means cursed so excessively.
3. My son, [REDACTED] (age 13) was called into Dr. Means' office one day last summer, 1970, on Scout business. After an informal chat, Dr. Means held up a prophylactic and asked him if he knew what it was used for. Dr. Means then proceeded to draw it onto his own finger and explain to [REDACTED] how it was used. ([REDACTED] did not tell us of this episode until I asked him in December, 1970, if Dr. Means had approached him sexually in any way.)

The above three instances were reported to me confidentially and in person, by my son, [REDACTED], who was active in Scouting the entire time Dr. Means was Scoutmaster.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Lorenzo, Texas
October 5, 1971

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which my husband & County Attorney wrote to the ethic committee of Osteopathic doctors in the State of Texas. This letter describes in detail an incident involving our son and one Dr. Robert Ted Means while he was residing in Lorenzo, Texas, and was at that time working with Boy Scouts as their leader.

It is out of concern for other young people and Dr. Means himself that we feel that it would be most unwise and even dangerous for Dr. Means to work with Boy Scouts in any capacity. By his own admission to me, he knows that he cannot control his own actions when he is in the presence of boys.

At any time further confidential information is needed in this regard, please do not hesitate to call on us. We feel that withheld information of this nature might cause some other family to endure such an experience.

[REDACTED]

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March 30, 1971

Mr. Tex Roberts
Executive Director
Texas Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
512 Bailey Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Re: Ted Means, D. O.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

At the request of Mr. [REDACTED] and as per my telephone conversation with you on this date, I will relate the following information, to-wit:

Crosby County Sheriff, Fletcher Stark, called my home on Saturday morning several months ago, asking that I meet him at the jail in Crosbyton, Texas. Upon my arrival I was introduced to Mr. [REDACTED] and two other gentlemen from Lorenzo, Texas. They related an incident concerning Dr. Means and Mr. [REDACTED] son. This incident has been related to you in a letter from Mr. [REDACTED]. A few days later Mr. [REDACTED] and some other gentlemen came to my office and reported that they had discovered that other irregular incidents had occurred between Dr. Means and certain boys that he had association with in his boy scout group. They also stated that there had been some type community meeting and Dr. Means had either withdrawn as boy scout leader, or had been dismissed.

Dr. Means was asked to come to my office for conversation concerning these matters. He did come and stated that he was innocent of any wrong doing. He did admit that he had practiced hypnosis upon certain children and groups of children without consent or presence of their parents.

Mr. [REDACTED] has asked me to relay to you his and his family's willingness to cooperate with you in any way possible concerning this matter, short of placing the child in court for testimony. The child will be available for questioning of an investigatory body of your


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association. He also states that other families claim similar experiences and will be willing to give private information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



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*The parties have not yet agreed to
the proposed settlement of the
case. The parties are still in
dispute over the amount of the
settlement.*



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Oct. 5, 1971
Llano, Texas

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To Whom It May Concern:
We want you to know that Ted
Means, D.O., hypnotized our fourteen
(14) year old son, [REDACTED] and
handled his genitals in Aug., 1970.
The Doctor also advised him such
"play" was desirable, and by phone
asked him to come to his office
again, which [REDACTED] declined. Dr. Means
was then Scoutmaster, but was
relieved of his duties in Dec. when
this information was learned.
[REDACTED] was not an isolated case,
but many were seduced or propositioned.
We feel Ted Means should not
be allowed to work in the Boy
Scouts of America in any position.

Yours truly,

Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]

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August 26, 1971

Mr. Harrison W. Oehler
Scout Executive
South Plains Area Council, #694

Personal and Confidential
Re: Dr. R. Ted Means

Dear Mr. Oehler:

Thank you for your letter of August 19 concerning Dr. Means, former Scoutmaster of Troop 399, Lorenzo, Texas. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible. Along with this record sheet we also need substantiating material, such as signed statements from the boys involved. This documentation is most important for future reference purposes, should this man ever again attempt to register in Scouting.

Unless we receive the above supporting documents, we will not be able to keep Dr. Means' name on the Confidential File.

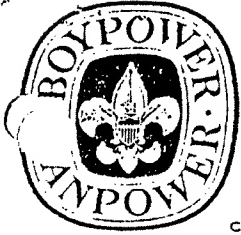
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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August 19, 1971

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Registration and Fulfillment Service
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Gentlemen:

In mid-December, 1970, Dr. R. Ted Means, then Scoutmaster of Troop 399, Lorenzo, Texas, was asked to resign by the Troop Committee because of alleged acts of homosexuality with one or more of the Scouts in the Troop.

Dr. Means, an osteopathic physician, did resign, but did not admit to any part of the allegations.


Because Lorenzo is a small town and because minors were involved, the members of the Troop Committee chose not to press charges.

We were informed by the Troop Committee Chairman today that Dr. Means has moved to Sedalia, Missouri where he will presumably open a practice. It is our understanding that he moved to that community about August 1, 1971.

I felt that you should be informed in order that you may inform the council serving Sedalia if you so desire.

If you need additional information, we will try to supply you with it.

Sincerely,


H. W. Oehler
Scout Executive

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